

## TARDY REPORT STAYS U. S. ACTION

PERLEPE REPORTED TO HAVE  
FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF  
THE INVADING BULGARIANS

Dispatches Say Serbian City  
is Already in Possession  
of King Ferdinand.

## BABUNA IS ABANDONED

Clever Maneuver of Bulgar  
Forces Necessitates Serbs  
Leaving Stronghold.

London, Nov. 18. (11:32 p. m.)—News from the Balkans continues to be patchwork of unconfirmed rumors without official statements to establish clearly the present status of affairs. The Serbian armies, with insufficient and inferior numbers have been attempting to make the wide turning movement of the Bulgarians, threatening Perlepe and Monastir. Some of the dispatches report Perlepe already in Bulgarian hands.

All admit the Serbian position there is untenable and that evacuation of the city is inevitable.

Rushing Into Greece.

News that the Bulgarian advance southward is proceeding rapidly and has reached a point within a few hours of Monastir is said to have caused consternation in that city, whose population is fleeing to Greek territory.

Judging from the size of the Bulgarian forces rushing from Tetovo southward, and from the initial of their new turning movement, which has changed entirely the military situation in southern Serbia, Monastir is in distinct danger. Not only has the Bulgarian maneuver necessitated abandonment by the Serbs of their positions at Babuna pass, but the Serbian forces which have been holding this entire region are now in peril of being surrounded and cut off by the Bulgarians advancing southward from Krushevo.

Little is known of the Serbian situation in the north, except that determined resistance is still being offered by the Serbs against both Germans and Bulgarians, who have made no fresh gains of consequence.

Allies Gain in South.

In southwestern Serbia successes for the French and British are reported. The Bulgarians are said to have been compelled to retreat on the Vardar front and to have sustained a check at the hands of the British in the Babuna section.

Both England and France have greeted with great enthusiasm the conference in Paris. It is greeted as marking more solidarity and more concerted action among the allied armies. Although no official information has been received concerning the subjects discussed at the conference it is assumed the principal matter under consideration is the Balkan situation.

Paris, Nov. 18. (10:15 a. m.)—Important messages both for the French and British forces in Serbia are reported by the Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency. According to this information, which the correspondent says is unofficial, the Bulgarians have lost the town of Kasturino to the French and have been defeated by the British on the Valondova-Rabrovo front. The correspondent, whose dispatch was filed yesterday, adds that, according to the latest news received by Athens newspapers, the French won a striking victory over the Bulgarians on the Tithirkovo, Schevo and Krushevo front. The battle was waged for two days. The French were greatly outnumbered but used their 3-inch guns with great effect. The Bulgarians are said to have sustained such heavy losses that they gave up the fight and retired northward to the right bank of the Vardar river.

OPERATOR TESTIFIES  
IN MATTHEW TRIAL

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 18.—A. J. Knight, a telegraph operator of Salt Lake City was to be the first witness today in the trial of Matthew A. Schmidt, charged with murder as the result of the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building five years ago. The witness was to identify a message alleged to have been sent to Indianapolis by J. B. McNamara after the explosion which McNamara afterward confessed having caused.

President Jimenez is Dying.  
Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—President Jimenez of the dominican republic is dying at Monte Cristi. Rear Admiral Caperton, cabling from the Haitian station today reported he had been so informed by the American customs collector at Monte Cristi.

Robber Kids  
Cops and Pal  
Does The Job

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Luke Ward and a companion early today robbed James Mahoney, manager; Clements Brown, night bartender, and a customer, and his companion had the three cowering under a pistol in a back room.

Ward, to avoid suspicion from wayfarers who might peep through the windows and observe him taking money from the cash register, put on the bartender's apron.

Frank Schmidt, waiting at a nearby corner for Mahoney, came back to see what was delaying his friend. Schmidt notified a fire station and returned to the window. Ward opened the front door.

"Come on in. We are playing a little pitch," invited Ward. Schmidt entered, was relieved of eight cents and bundled with the other prisoners in the rear room.

Soon a wagon load of blue coats surrounded the saloon. Ward had locked the door and the saloon watch dog was licking his hand when the sergeant rapped.

"Ha, ha, sergeant," laughed Ward. "Somebody has been kidding you. No robbery here. Goodnight." The police drove back to the station but before the robbers could escape Patrolmen Bywater, Miles and Martin stroled along and Martin observed that the bartender was a new one. He telephoned the station and, returning, shouted to Ward.

"Go on about your business," replied Ward. "Brown's off tonight and I am taking his place."

Martin visited the patrol box again and had the station call Sol Brower, owner of the saloon, at his home and ask if Brown was on duty. Brown was, according to Brower. The next contingent of the bluecoats entered from the rear. Ward was still behind the bar in his apron and the watch dog was again licking his hand.

Ward's companion escaped before the police arrived the last time. Ward said he was released from prison two weeks ago after serving a term for robbery.

CALL RAILROADS  
RATE DRAWBACK

Claim Illinoisans Go To Chicago Now  
Instead of Making Trip to  
St. Louis.

St. Louis, Nov. 18.—Illinoisans who formerly came to St. Louis on business or pleasure are now going to Chicago because of lower railroad passenger rates which they are able to obtain, according to the testimony of the manager of the Illinois Central railroad given at an Interstate Commerce Commission hearing here. The hearing was on the complaint of the Business Men's league of St. Louis, that the present railroad rate situation tends to discrimination against St. Louis in favor of Chicago and other large cities in Illinois. The league is seeking to bring about a readjustment of a situation in which travelers from St. Louis to Illinois points must pay the interstate rate of 2 1/2 cents a mile while travelers from East St. Louis, Ill., to the same points pay 2 cents a mile, the interstate rate.

CONTINUING TO  
HUNT ENTOMBED

Rescue Parties Still Digging for Miners  
Buried in Shaft at Seattle,  
Washington.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 18.—More than thirty-six hours after the explosion which wrecked the Northwestern Improvement company's coal mine at Ravensdale with the loss of 31 lives, squads of rescuers still were digging through the debris choked passage ways 1,500 feet under ground in search of 22 bodies still in the mine. After the recovery of three bodies late yesterday, bringing the total number of identified dead to nine, the workers found their way blocked by a heavy fall of rock and coal, and progress into the depth of the level was made slowly.

It was thought today that the level would be cleared and all the victims removed before night.



— WILL HE GROW ANOTHER ONE? —

ANOTHER AIR  
RAID IS MADE  
ON ITALIANS

Paris, Nov. 18. (8 p. m.)—A hostile aircraft flew over Verona, Italy, this morning, several bombs being thrown from the machine, according to a Havas dispatch from Rome. One child was slightly injured. There were no other casualties nor was any material damage done, the dispatch states.

Belluno, Italy, Nov. 17. (via Paris, Nov. 18, 1 a. m.)—An Austrian aeroplane threw five bombs on the city at 8 o'clock this morning but only one of them exploded. Three persons were slightly injured. No material damage was done.

The report of the aerial raid on Belluno apparently clears up the Rome dispatch sent out last night by the Stefani News Agency which said an Austrian aeroplane appeared "over the city" at 8 o'clock and dropped five bombs. The name of the place bombarded was not given and it was inferred the dispatch might refer to Rome. Belluno is on the Piave, 51 miles north of Venice.

OPEN SECOND DAY OF  
LITERARY MEETING

Boston, Nov. 18.—The two days' session of the seventh annual joint meeting of the National Institute of Arts and Letters and the American Academy of Arts and Letters opened here today. There was a large representation of the 250 workers in various branches of arts and literature who composed the institute. The academy is limited to 50 members, all chosen from the institute. Six vacancies in the academy are to be filled at this meeting.

On the program for today were papers by William Allen White, Brooks Adams and Paul W. Bartlett. Tonight there will be a dinner at the Harvard club.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY  
MEN IN CONVENTION

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 18.—More than two hundred representatives of the electric railway industry were here today for the opening of the fall meeting of the Central Electric Railway association, which will continue two days. The members of the association, it is said, control more than ten thousand miles of electric railroads in the states of Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan and Illinois. In connection with the general association, a meeting of the Central Electric traffic association also will be held here.

J. HILLSTROM MUST  
FACE FIRING SQUAD

Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 18.—Governor Spry has declined to interfere further in the case of Joseph Hillstrom and has written his reasons in a telegram to President Wilson which has been unanimously concurred in by the board of pardons.

Churchill in  
Uniform off  
to the Front

London, Nov. 18. (11:32 a. m.)—Winston Spencer Churchill, former first lord of the admiralty and chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, in the uniform of his regiment, left for the front this morning. His wife bade him farewell at the railroad station, where he passed unrecognized on the platform as he waited to enter a special car.

Mr. Churchill became widely known as a soldier before he began his political career. He entered the army in 1895, after being graduated from Sandhurst. He served with the Malak in the field in 1907; was present at the Bajaur, served with the Tirah and Nile expeditionary forces, being present at the battle of Khartoum. He also saw service as a lieutenant of South African light horse before he became a newspaper correspondent to report the Boer war.

Mr. Churchill is listed as a major of the Queen's own Oxfordshire Hussars and it is probably with this regiment he has left for the field.

SLAYING OF BIRDS  
EXPENSIVE SPORT

This Folly Alone Costs United States  
One Billion Dollars Annually,  
Says Speaker.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 18.—Destruction of birds, according to Colonel G. C. Shields, president of the League of American Sportsmen, costs the United States a billion dollars a year. Colonel Shields made the assertion in the course of an address before the Chicago chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution here today.

"Cotton growers," he said, "lose \$100,000,000 a year by the boll weevil. Why? Because the quails, the prairie chickens, the meadow larks and other birds which were formerly there in millions have been swept away by thoughtless, reckless men and boys."

The chinqu bug costs wheat growers \$100,000,000 he said, and the Hessian fly, \$200,000,000.

"It takes more than 24,000 chinqu bugs to weigh an ounce, and nearly 50,000 Hessian flies to weigh the same," continued the speaker.

"A quail killed in Ohio had in its crop 1,200 chinqu bugs. Another in a Kansas wheat field had 2,000 Hessian flies."

Colonel Shields added that potato growers pay \$17,000,000 a year for paris green and remarked that a quail slain in Pennsylvania had 127 potato bugs in its crop. He said that Mrs. Margaret M. Nice of the faculty of the Massachusetts State university, after long study estimated that a quail destroys 75,000 bugs and 6,000,000 weed seeds annually.

## Investigating Postoffice Strike.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Postoffice inspectors were sent to Fairmont, W. Va., today to investigate the strike of the entire force of clerks and carriers as a protest against the dismissal of the assistant postmaster on charges of giving assistance to applicants before the civil service commission.

ARE TO PROVE  
AGENT OF THE  
KAISER HERE

New York, Nov. 18.—An allegation that the German government appropriated \$750,000 to charter and load a fleet of steamships which cleared from New York early in the war to supply German cruisers operating in South American waters, will be made by the government at the trial of Karl Buezn next week, according to United States District Attorney Marshall.

It is stated that the government will try to show that the operation of the supply ships was directed to a great extent by an official of the German government who is still in the United States.

Buezn, who was formerly German consul general here and now is managing director of the Hamburg-American line, is accused of violating the customs laws and neutrality of the United States by sending out the supply ships.

Mr. Marshall says he does not intend to take up the charges of Dr. Joseph Gorlick that diplomatic and consular representatives of the Teutonic allies are directing the work of a large number of spies in this country until A. B. Bielaski chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the department of justice, has made a report to Secretary of State Lansing.

Dr. Gorlick expected to meet Chief Flynn of the United States secret service today and to go to Cleveland today or tomorrow.

## THE WAR TODAY

A striking victory for the French over the Bulgarians in one sector of the front in southern Serbia is unofficially reported through Paris. General Sarrailli's troops are said to have driven the Bulgarian forces to the right bank of the Vardar day battle.

Capture by the French of the town of Kasturino and a defeat of the Bulgarians by the British on the Valondova-Rabrovo front also are reported in the advices received in Paris.

The Bulgarians apparently are sweeping all before them in the region north of V. rastir. A London message early today said confirmation had been received in Saloniki of the report that the Bulgarians had taken Perlepe, imperiling Monastir, which the Serbians were preparing to evacuate, it was said.

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Artillery engagements and fighting of trench guns are reported by Paris from the front in France. No infantry attacks are mentioned.

UNITED STATES WILL NOT  
USE DIPLOMATIC MEASURE  
TO UNRAVEL ANCONA CASEInquest Is To  
Be Held Over  
Body Of Baby

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Mrs. Anna Bollinger, mother of the defective infant which was permitted to die yesterday was told today of the death.

She made no comment except to repeat that denial of the simple operation which would have saved the baby's life was best for all concerned.

Dr. H. J. Haiselden, the surgeon who took the initiative in advising Mrs. Bollinger, in all probabilities will not be prosecuted.

Dr. Haiselden, who had been almost without sleep during the 48 hours preceding the infant's death, was busy in the operating room of the German-American hospital today.

A jury of six of the best known physicians and surgeons of Chicago will be chosen to hear testimony at the inquest, Coroner Hoffman announced. He expected to empanel the jury at once and before night set a date for the inquest.

Coroner Hoffman's decision to hold an inquest was made after a consultation with Dr. Henry G. W. Reinhardt and Dr. John Dill Robertson, health commissioner.

"I have decided to hold an inquest, because, for all we know, a similar case may be brought to our attention tomorrow. We should do something to prevent a similar death," he said. "I am making no criticism of the physician in this case. Our only object is to do something in the interests of humanity. I chose a jury of physicians in the hope that they will make some scientific recommendation to prevent similar occurrences."

Coroner's Physician Reinhardt reported to Coroner Hoffman the result of his post mortem examination of the baby's body.

Dr. Haiselden expressed gratitude when told that the inquest had been ordered, though he said the baby's death from natural causes rendered one hardly necessary.

"Any true investigation will make it more clear to the public that I am right," he said.

CRUDE OIL NOW AT  
TWO DOLLAR MARK

Increase of Ten Cents Today Lifts  
Pennsylvania Product Up to Goal  
of Producers.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 18.—Two-dollar oil, the goal of hundreds of producers throughout the country, was reached this morning when the South Penn Oil company announced the second advance in crude oils for the week as follows: Pennsylvania Crude, \$2; Mercer Black, Newcastle, Corning, \$1.50; Cabell, \$1.55; Somerset, \$1.42; Ragland, 70 cents.

This is an advance of 10 cents a barrel on each grade except Ragland, which remained unchanged.

Oil producers have for a long time been waiting for the day when Pennsylvania, the base of the market, would command \$2, and they would be able to sell their product for what they believed it to be worth. Last August the advance started, and impelled by curtailment of production abroad and increased consumption in this country, oil has been going up ever since.

The new price is expected to bring out the greater part of the several million barrels of crude oil known to be above ground and to stimulate drilling in the hope of increasing production.

ARRANGE BURIAL OF  
MYTHICAL FIANCEE

Chicago, Nov. 18.—The body of the unidentified man, claimed by Miss Julia Choate Crumley of Atlanta, Ga., as her mythical fiancee, "Dr. Alroy Hensley," will be buried in Arlington cemetery with full ceremony on Saturday. It was announced today.

Arrangements for the funeral were completed by the Crumley family, it was said. The body was to have been buried in a potter's field grave.

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Government Not to Attempt  
to Carry On Investigation;  
Awaits Penfield Note.

## AMERICAN TELLS ALL

Dr. Cecile Greil of New York  
Makes Statement Contra-  
dictory to Austria's.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—The United States will not make diplomatic investigation of Austria-Hungary for its attitude on submarine warfare as a result of the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, pending the receipt of detailed information concerning the attack from the foreign office at Vienna through Ambassador Penfield.

State department officials believe, however, that sufficient information for an inquiry is furnished by the Austrian foreign office statement concerning the tragedy which was cabled to the department yesterday by Ambassador Penfield.

This communication is textually the same as the Austrian admiralty statement already received by Secretary Lansing.

Lansing to Take No Action.

Secretary Lansing will take no action however, until information of a more definite character regarding the more essential details is received. Such information is expected by cable from American consuls and possibly from the French government, which is understood to be taking depositions. The state department considers that Mrs. Greil's charge that the submarine fired on the Ancona after the ship stopped, may be taken as conclusive evidence. Whether warning was given still is an open question.

Was Only American.

It was pointed out today that because Mrs. Greil was the only native American survivor of the disaster which might weight would attach to her statement.

Consul Mason will attempt to get more affidavits from citizens of other nationalities, preferably from neutrals.

Secretary Lansing is of the opinion that the right of visit and search can be carried out by a submarine without actually placing sailors on the deck of an intercepted ship, and is a measure to prove the nationality of a vessel. The German government since the early days of the war has demonstrated that a submarine can determine the nationality of a vessel without actually placing members of its crew aboard.

Woman Makes Affidavit.

An affidavit by Dr. Cecile L. Greil of New York, the only native American survivor of the Italian liner Ancona, directly contradicts the Austro-Hungarian government's official statement that the ship was not shelled by the attacking submarines after she stopped. The state department today was notified of the existence of the affidavit by consular dispatches.

The text of the message, which was sent by American Consul Mason of Algiers, follows:

"Cecil, intelligent, impartial witness, deposition not conclusive as to whether any effort was made to escape by Ancona. First intimation danger when she was in dining saloon. Disturbance on deck, stoppage, or blowing of whistle, followed shortly by shots which struck vessel. Testimony precise (probably means proves) that bombardment lasted 45 minutes and was continued after vessel had stopped, killing and wounding many persons. She saw destruction vessel by torpedo; saw red and white flag and six cannon on submarine. Knows nothing as to other Americans. Information Algiers and Bizerta considered to demonstrate conclusively that 12 vessels were sunk from third to seventh November by submarines, going from Gibraltar toward Ancona."

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity.

Partly cloudy and colder tonight with probably rain or snow; Friday fair and colder with the lowest tonight slightly above freezing.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 41. Highest yesterday 52. Lowest last night 41. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 6 miles per hour.

Precipitation none.

Stage of water 4.6, no change in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.